

## New Mexico- Tucumcari Field Office

### FY 2006 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Dry Cropland

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 12/14/2005 Total Points: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Farm No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No.: \_\_\_\_\_ CMS Field No's.: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1. Natural Resources Criteria - 285 Potential Points (89%)

A. Soil Erosion: Wind	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
No Till	40		
Windbreaks	15		
<b>A. Soil Erosion: Wind</b>	<b>Total</b>		
B. Water Erosion: Ephemeral Gully, Concentrated Flow	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
Diversion	40		
Terraces (System)	35		
Grassed Waterway	35		
Rebuilds	25		
<b>B. Water Erosion: Ephemeral Gully, Concentrated Flow</b>	<b>Total</b>		
C. Plants: Diversity	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
Range Seeding (Points only given if 50% of total acres 3 Species under contract are seeded)	50		
2 Species	20		
1 Species	5		
<b>C. Plants: Diversity</b>	<b>Total</b>		
D. Animals: Wildlife Food, Cover, Water	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
Range Seeding (3 species)	5		
Wildlife Waterer (dedicated strictly to wildlife)	5		
Tree/Shrub Establishment or Windbreak	5		
<b>D. Animals: Wildlife Food, Cover, Water</b>	<b>Total</b>		
E. Animals: Inadequate Water	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
Wildlife Waterer (dedicated strictly to wildlife)	5		
<b>E. Animals: Inadequate Water</b>	<b>Total</b>		

#### 2. Other Considerations - 35 Potential Points (11%)

	Potential Points		After Points
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species. (Prairie Dogs)	10		
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	5		
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 309 project.	N/A		
D. This land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	5		
E. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate and/or prevent infestation of Class A, Class B, and/or Class C noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA. (Points are only given to those practices that are included in NRCS Standards and Specifications.)	15		
<b>2. Other Considerations</b>	<b>Total</b>		

Note: Cost-shared payments associated with the no-till are limited to a maximum of 320 acres for 3 consecutive years per producer regardless of county. Grazing of livestock is prohibited on no-till contract acres if producer agrees to the no-till incentive. Producers currently applying no-till, or who have previously received cost-share payments for this practice are not eligible. In the event of a tie, contracts will be awarded based on highest soil erodibility index.

Note: Any single type of conservation practice will be limited to \$50,000 in cost share per contract

Total Points (After minus Benchmark):		Sec 1 Sec 2 <b>Total</b>
Producer _____	Date _____	
Designated Conservationist _____	Date _____	